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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1895-6
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(Miscellaneous)

File No. 112

Serial Nos.

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SUBJECT.

Disposal of the Coffee tract known as the 'Meerthi Khan Estate' attached to the Kalasa Temple for Coffee cultivation"

PREVIOUS REFERENCES	LATER REFERENCES

Memo

Letter no 403 dated 6th Dec/1895 from the Dy Com^r. Kadm Dr.

The Coffee tract known as the 'Mer the Khan Estate is an Inam attached to the Khalsa Temple. The Estate comprises the following Survey Nos in Toladen Village:—

Sur. No.	Extent. A	G	Assessment R	A	P
44	7	8	10	"	"
104	47	38	"	"	"
105	24	16			
45	190	12	285	8	"
107	87	28	131	8	
106	278	11			
	699	28			

2. In 1885-6 one Rangiah Hebbar (since deceased) in whose Khata all the above lands stood since the Coffee Settlement in 1881-2, resigned the occupancy of the Survey Nos 104, 105 & 106; And the remaining 3 Survey Nos 44, 45 & 107 Continued in Rangiah Hebbar's possession for about 2 years more, when they were relinquished in favor of one Basappa Chetty of Bangalore. The latter died in 1891-2, and the Khata of the l

registered in the name of his son Rudrappa Chetty. And lastly in 1893-4, Rudrappa Chetty sold the lands to Messrs Morgon and Brothers in whose possession they now continue.

3. In 1890, it came to the notice of the Amildar - bar, not known - that some of the lands resigned by Rangiah Hebbar in 1885-6, had been encroached upon and planted with

When a Mofussil was appointed to the Taluk, he was directed to measure the Survey Nos and report on the alleged encroachments; but even the Mofussil did not take prompt action in the matter for nearly a year.

4. Towards the end of the year 1893, Mr. Reid the agent of Messrs Morgan and Brothers, the present holders of the Merthi Khan Estate, brought

to the notice of the
Dy Comr and the
Taluk Amildar, that
portions of the adjoin-
-ing lands had been
encroached upon
and planted with
Coffee several Years
ago, and requesting
that the encroached
portion may be given
to him and added
on to Survey Nos 44
& 45, which were
in his occupancy,
in exchange for certain
pass lands to be
resigned by him.

In reply to the Application to the Govt., Mr Reid was informed that no exchange could be allowed, but that he could regularly apply for the lands he required; and Mr. Sparkes reserved further action in the matter till after a personal inspection of the locality at the time of January.

6. The Application addressed to the Auditor by Mr. Reid the same subject.

was referred to the
Mopiri dar for report.
In Feb.y 1894, the
Mopiri dar reported
that on re-measuring
the Coffee lands
in Mr. Reid's occupancy
he found that
a portion of the
adjoining Survey Nos
106 & 104 had been
encroached upon
to the total extent
of ~~nearly~~ 24 Acres-7
Gun tas, as noted in
the margin, and
that about 4000
Coffee plants (9 years
old) were standing

*{19 Acres – 16 Gun tas in Survey No 106
{4 " – 31 " " 104

on about 4 acres of land out of the above area.

7. Thereupon the Dy Comr. to whom the records were submitted by the Amildar passed the following order on the application of Mr. Reid:—

"Mr. Reid has applied for 19 acres-16 guntas out of survey no. 106, and 4 acres-31 guntas out of survey no. 104.

The first application may be entertained and the land put up to auction. As

regards the second
application, it being
below 5 acres, the minimum,
it can not be entertained. Mr. Reid should
apply for not less
than 5 acres in this
Survey Number, and
which will be put
up to auction.

"As it has been
found that about
4 acres have been
unauthorizedly cultivated in these
Survey Nos., and that
the Coffee plants
contained therein are
old. the present

Khatedars, and the former holders will pay up the back assessment from the year of the Coffee Re-Survey Settlement, and the land resumed to Govt."

8. The arrears of Assessment on the portion encroached upon and unauthorizedly planted, for the last 10 years since the re-Survey in 1885-6, have been ordered by the Dy Comr.

& be levied as follows:—

Year -	Amount - R. A. P	To be levied from:-
1885-6 & 1886-7.	19-13-0	Ranjiah Helbar.
1887-8 & 1892-3	50-7-0.	Rudrappa Chetty of Bangalore.
1893-4 & 1894-5.	13-13-0.	Messrs Morgan & Bottley the present holders.

9. Against the order of the Hons'., Mr. Reid has now addressed a petition to Govt. In this petition No. 399 dated 19th July 95, Mr. Reid states that the encroachments in question have been made by the former owners of the Estate, that the present.

owners, whose agent the petitioner is, purchased the Estate from its last holder under a bona fide belief that the lands unauthorizedly planted up formed part of the Estate in question, that he himself upon the discovery of the encroachments by the Dykemen and the Amildar soon after he discovered it, and that therefore it would be heard upon him if the encroached

And he resumed

And put up to auction
at this Stage. He
therefore prays that
the encroached Office
be measured properly
and given to him
After paying all
the Arrears of Assessment
(which really ought
to be borne by the Lake
proprietors) and that
the boundary be
Straightened off
(See plan) and that
the balance of land
(other than the en-
-croached portion) Con-
-tained in the
new boundary be
put up to auction

in the usual way".

10. It may here be remarked that at the enquiry held in the Taluk on Mr. Reid's Application, the ryots of the Village have deposed before the Sheikdar and the Amildar that they have no objection to the lands applied for by Mr. Reid being given to him, but that no more lands should be given out for Coffee Cultivation, as otherwise, they, the Villagers,

will not have enough
of pasture lands
for their cattle and
~~for~~ forest trails
for fuel purposes.
But since Mr. Reid's
Application to Govt,
the same villagers.
have addressed
a petition to Govt
that Mr. Reid's
Application for
any portion of the
lands in ~~question~~
Survey Nos 1064104,
should not be en-
tertained, as the
Grant would cause
the villagers much
inconvenience by
blocking up their

Cattle and other
paths and Mr. Reid
is too withdrawal
a planter for the trips
to deal with.

"

24/1/96.

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From

The Revenue Secretary to the Government of Mysore

To

The Secretary to the Government, Muzrai Department

Dated 10

Despatched

Received January 1896.

General No. 6168
P/. No. 1257.

Enclosure No One file of correspondence as per list enclosed

Has the honor to transfer the whole file of correspondence ending with docket No 413 dated the 10th December 1895 received from the Kadur Deputy Commissioner regarding the petition of Mr C. P. Reed, Meralta Khan Estate, Balehonnur, Koppa Taluk, appealing against the Kadur Deputy Commissioner's order directing the resumption of the portion of Survey Nos 106 and 104

of the Totadur village, Mudgere Taluk, encroached upon by the proprietors of the Meratti Khan Estate, as the matter is one for disposal in the Muzrai department.

"By order"

H. Ghanjendragar

Under Secretary

wpd
mpd
mll

List of papers sent to Mugrai Department with this office docket No. 6168/Pet. 1251 dated 10th Janua 1896 addressed to the Secretary Mugrai departe

1 Letter No 413 dy 10-12-95 from the Dy Comr Kadur distt with its one enclosure

1 " No 403 dy 6-12-95 from — do — do with Ver file and survey map —

1 C.M. No 1075 dy 4-12-95 to Dy Comr Kadur distt

1 Petn Abs. 1824 dy 11-11-95 from Nagappa Potters of Inudagere

1 D.M. No 713 dy 20-9-95 to Dy Comr Kadur distt

1 indt No 399 dy 20-9-95 to Mr. C.R. Reed Menthikan Estate Balehonnur

1 Petn Abs. 876 dy 26-8-95 from do do

1 — " — 399 dy 19-7-95 from do do

8 Eight papers.

Copy

Manager

For Revr Secretary.

Gen. Serial No. 32.]

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No. 399.

Name of Petitioner. G. F. Reed

Village. Balehunnur

Taluk.

District. Kadur

Date of Arzi. 19-7-95

Date of Receipt. 25-7-95

Date of Disposal.

No. of Enclosures. 3.

ABSTRACT.

States that some portion of Government land adjoining his coffee estate was encroached upon under the impression of its being included in his coffee estate and requests that the portion thus unknowingly encroached upon, may be put up to auction and given to him in due course.

26/7/95

Unstamped

But of time as the order appealed against was passed in December 1894

The original order or a certified copy of it has not been produced.

The D.C.'s order was passed under Sec. 59 L.R. Code. An appeal from such order would have been a Civil case under the old Rules, vide clause (b) of Section I. This clause has been omitted in the new Rules. It is however a question for consideration whether the Petn does not fall under Sub para (e) clause I of Sec 10 of the new Rules — Claims respecting the occupation of waste or vacant land belonging to Govt."

Subd to the Rev. Secretary

26/7

This is
I doubt much as
which has to be heard by a
Judicial Com. - it is not
a claim against Govt
for the occupation
of Govt waste land -
However the
petition has not
been stamped nor
has it been filed
within the period
prescribed for
appeals.

Submitted
To the 2d Councillor

31-7-95

Pet
713

MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE.

PETITION DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The accompanying Petition No. 379
dated 19th July 1895 received at the
Dewan's Office from Sri CP Reddi, Merthi
State, Balehonnur, Koppa Taluk
appealing against the order of the
Court, ~~regarding a piece of land~~ directing the resumption of the portion
~~encroached upon by the late Proprietor~~
~~of Govt land~~, S. nos. 106 & 104 of the
Bolathur Village, Chikkajore Taluk
~~encroached upon by the proprietors of the Merthi~~
is forwarded, together with its 3
enclosures, to the Deputy Commissr.
Kadur District for submission of
future proceedings connected with the
case together with a report on the
~~of the case and on the points raised in~~ petition
~~petition.~~

~~2. The Deputy Court is also requested~~
~~to forward~~ a sketch showing the
encroachments on the surrounded
survey numbers.

3. The petition and its enclosures to
be returned

By order,

Draft
Bangalore, 189 20/9 for Revenue Secretary.

23/9/95

Dra
20/9

No.

399

MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE,

PETITION DEPARTMENT,

The 189

Endorsement granted to M. C. P Reed, Merthi Mhaw Estate, Balehonnur, Kadur District

In reply to his Petition Registered No. 399 dated 19th July 1895 praying for Reduction of appealing against the order of the Deputy Commissioner, declining directing the resumption of the portion of ~~to grant a piece of land~~ encroached upon by the late proprietors ~~on port land~~ of the Estate Nos 106 & 104 of the Tolahalli Village

Petitioner is informed that his petition has been forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur Dist for report ~~submission of~~ ~~of the records connected with the case~~

By Order'

Draft

for the Chief Secretary.

20/9

M.G.C.P.B—19-2-95—1,000

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Gen. Serial No. 32.]

1895

No. 87

Name of Petitioner. C. F. Reed

Village. Merthikkan Estate Balehonnur

Taluk. Koppa

District. Kadur

Date of Arzi.

Date of Receipt. 26-8-95

Date of Disposal.

No. of Enclosures. 3

ABSTRACT.

Resubmits his petition praying restitution for the grant of the land encroached upon by the late Proprietors - to them on proper measurement - with two Rs. Court fees Stamp affixed thereto -

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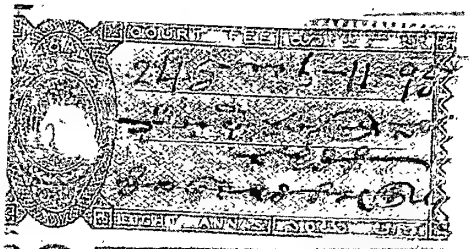

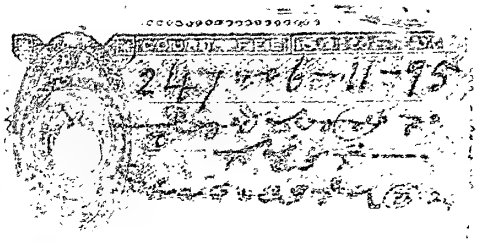

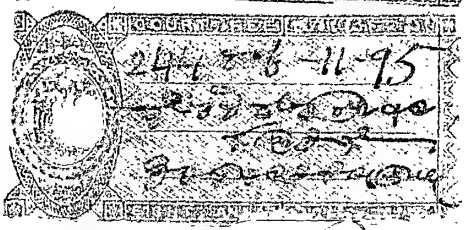

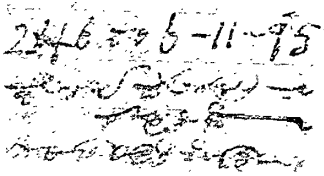

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No. 1524

Name of Petitioner, Nagappa and others

Village, Yoladur

Taluk, Mudgere

District, Kadur

Date of Arzi, 11-11-95

Date of Receipt, 18 11 95

Date of Disposal,

No of Enclosure, Nil

ABSTRACT.

Praying that 25 acres of Coffee land in S.Nos 104, 106, 25 of the above village, applied for by one Mr. Reed may not be granted to him as it would cause much inconvenience to the villagers and their cattle depriving them of the facility to get wood for the manufacture of agricultural implements, of pastures and drinking water to their cattle.

Ref.
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Report in f.
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To Mr. Commr for report in continuation of No 713.
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Drafted
JWR 3/12

Ref of 1075 Encl

Revised. 7/12/95

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MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE.

PETITION DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The accompanying Petition No. 1824

dated 11 Nov. 1895 received at the

Dewan's Office from Nagappa and

others of Totadur Mudgere

Taluk. praying that the

application of ~~and~~ Mr. Reed

for 25 acres of Coffee land on

of Survey Nos. 104, 106 & 25 of

the said village may not be

granted &c . . . .

forwarded, ~~together with its~~

~~enclosures~~, to the Dy. Commr

Kadur District, in report

in continuation of O. M. No Rev 71

dated 23 September 1895

By order,

Draft

Revenue Secretary.

BANGALORE,

4 — 12 — 1895

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SKR 3/12

Counsel - The matter
therefore seems to be
one for Dr Rosal in
the Chicago office

6-1-96

all right
MMB
7/1/96

Transfer this to
the Chicago file

6-1-96

accepted
MB
6-1-96

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Pet 396

From
The deputy commissioner
Kaveri District

To
The Revenue Secretary
to the Government of
Mysore.

Dated 6th
Despatched 10th December 1895
Received

General No. 4033 of 1895-96.
No.

Enclosure No. one file V.P. + 1 surv. map sent separately

Reporting on the petition of
Mrs. B. P. Reed over the Khan
Estate, Kalahasanur, Koppa
Taluq; appealing against the
order of the deputy commissioner
refusing the resumption of the
portion of survey nos. 106 and
104 of the Kalahasanur Village,
Mudigere Taluq encroached
upon by the proprietors
of the Mercantile Steam Saw Mills

Ord. no 654-6/23 dt 14/10/95 returned to by the Deputy Commissioner from the Manjarabad Branch.
MLL
16/12
A copy of it will be made & put up. BLR
Mr. N. Naidoo.
Please take copy
17/12

Subs to the Rev. Secy's letter No. 1824 from Nagappa Hattiangadi of Hebbadu & the Dy Comrs docket No. 413 dt 10.12.95.
A copy of the Manjarabad Despte Order No. 654-6/23 dt 14-10-92 is put up. The Schedule attached to it shows that the lands in question belong to the Kalasa Temple.
Submitted to Government with reference to his order on Petition No. 876. The lands in question belong to the Kalasa
Peter
16/12 Secy

Deputy Commissioners Office
Kadur District.

Dated: Chikmagalur 6th December 1895.

From

The Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District.

To

The Revenue Secretary
to the Government of
Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No: $\frac{\text{Rct}}{713}$ dated 20th September 1895 forwarding for report Mr. C. P. Reed's petition appealing against my orders directing the resumption of the portions of Survey Nos. 106 and 104 of the Toladur Village, Mudegere Taluq, encroached upon by the proprietors of the Meratte Khan Estate, I have the honor to state as follows:—

The Meratte Khan Estate originally comprised the following lands of the Toladur Village in the Taluk of late Mr. Rangah Achar, who owned them from the time of the coffee settlements of 1881-82.

Survey No:	Total Area A	g	Dharade A	g	Cultivable A	g	Assessment Rs	as	ps
44	143	22	116	3	27	19	41	4	"
45	526	8	476	8	50	"	50	"	"

There are Inam lands belonging to Sree Kalaseswaraswami Temple at Kalasa Vide Government Proceedings No: 654-6/23 dated 14/17th October 1892

2. The said lands having contained a large extent of Dharade land, they were resurveyed and settled as follows in the year 1885-86.

I

Survey No.	Acres A	g	Assessment Rs	as	ps	Remarks.
44	71	8	107	"	"	Retained by Inm Runjiah Kebbar.
104	47	38	"	"	"	Resumed by Government as the Dharadar resigned them.
105	24	16				
Total	143	22				

II

45	190	12	285	8	"	Retained by Inm Runjiah Kebbar.
107	87	23	131	8	"	Do—
106	278	11	-	-	"	Resumed by Government as the Dharadar resigned this No.
Total	556	6	-	-	-	

Note

Note. The area of A. 29 - 38 G which is the difference between the extent of Original No. 45 and that of the Resurvey Nos. appears to be the excess found in the resurvey.

3 Thus, Survey Nos. 44, 45 and 107 remained in the Khata of the late Mr. Rungiah Hebbar till 1887-88, when he resigned them in favor of Bangalore Bacappa Chetty. The latter having died, his name was transferred in 1891-92 to his son Chik Ruosappa Chetty in whose Khata the lands still continue to remain though Messrs Morgan and Sons of whom the Appellant is the agent have purchased them by a private sale.

4 On 22d December 1893, the appellant brought to the notice of the Amildar that a piece of land in Survey No: 106, adjoining the eastern boundary of Survey No: 45 above alluded to, was opened and unauthorizedly planted by one Domingo, the Agent or assignee of the late Mr. Rungiah Hebbar.

5. In 1890, the then amildar S. Srinivasa Row

Sreenivasa Row, who, some how or other, learnt that some of the land resigned as above was encroached upon and planted with coffee, and access to the thickcar of the Kalasa Hobli to inspect and report on the matter. Owing to the want of the proprietors' presence or other pressing reasons, the requisite inspection was not made till the receipt of the above letter from Mr Reed in December 1893.

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6 A measurer having just then been appointed to this Taluq the then Amildar Mr Shamiyar deputed him to measure the part encroached upon and report.

7. I also received Mr Reed's letter dated 6th November 1893 on the subject and retained it for disposal at the time of Jemabandi at Kalasa. But having heard from the Amildar of his having deputed his measurer for pinning out the encroachment on a similar direct representation to him from Mr Reed, I called for the papers from the Taluq

8. From the Surveyor's report No. 93 dated 27th February 1894 and his Sketch of the land received through the Chaildar, I found that the portion marked A in blue pencil on the Sketch, Exhibit X, measuring about 24 acres and 7 guntas of Government unassessed Nos. 104 and 106, resigned by the late Khatedar Mr. Ringiah Hebbar and that 4000 Coffee plants aged about 8 or 9 years were available, apparently, on about 4 acres of the above area Viz, 24 acres and 7 guntas.

9. Mr. Reed having applied for the whole of the above 24 acres and 7 guntas in his letter of the 6th November 1893 and it having been remarked by Government in several similar cases that such lands of unauthorized cultivations should be resumed to Government, I passed the following orders on 16th April 1894, "Mr. Reed has applied for 19 acres. 16 guntas out of Survey Nos: 106 and 4-31 out of Survey No: 104."

"The first application may be entertained

"entertained and the land put up to auction. As regards the second application, it being below 5 acres, the minimum, it cannot be entertained. Mr. Reed should apply for not less than 5 acres in this Survey No and which will be put up to auction As it has been found that about 4 acres have been unauthorizedly cultivated in these Survey Nos and that the coffee plants contained therein are old, the present Khalidars and former holders will pay up the back assessment from the year of the coffee Remmey settlement and the land resumed to Government."

Hence the appeal. The back assessment is not yet paid by any body.

10. The Amildar's report No 490 is perused and enclosed for perusal and kind return The Village Survey Map is also herewith Submitted for reference and obliging return.

11. The petition with enclosures

perused

received with the above is
herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

Deputy Commissioner
Kazan District

399 R

Veerthukkan Estates 7-95

Balehonnur P.O.

Kadur Dist

19. July 95

To

The Chief Secretary to the Mysore Government

Mysore

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that I visited Bangalore in February last with the intention of approaching you in connection with the following subject, but was informed by Dr. Achutta Row that indisposition at the time prevented you from giving your attention to business, and that your substitute would receive me, on whom I accordingly called at his office, and represented the matter which I was directed to address to you in writing.

My employers, the proprietors of the above Estate, Messrs Morgan Brothers of Bangalore purchased this property from one Bangalore Chick Rhudrappa Chetty in March 1893; containing 578 acres according to Government survey.

In October or November 1893 I sent some coolies to fell timber for sawing purposes who through ignorance cut down one or two trees just outside a field of coffee on the Eastern boundary. When the said trees were being sawn, the Putail (Pottadoor) came to me and intimated that the trees had been felled in Government land. Knowing something of Surveying, and with the aid of the maps I went into the matter and discovered that not only had the trees been felled in Government land, but that about 6½ or 7 acres of the Coffee was also in Government land (40 Hts). On enquiry I found out that the land was felled and planted by one Domingo, who was opening the Estate for the then proprietor A Ruggia Hebbar some 14 or 15 years ago? I also learnt that after Domingo was discharged from the Estate, anonymous letters were sent to Government, or the local Officials purporting to the encroachments by this Estate & I believe the Shirastadar and major Officials enquired into the matter, (which was known to the Putail and others in the Grama (Pottadur) but nothing was done

AUG. 95

Rec'd 2 Aug 1895

No. 399

Land Revenue Code II Schedule II

Cancel the Post, a cheque for Rs 2-8 to be issued & sent to the Collector of Kadur

By order

H.H. Chamier Secretary

Under Secretary

done, and as far as I can make out, came to an
discovery and.
I duly intimated my discovery to the Deputy
Commissioner Kadur and the Amildar at Mudigere,
with a request that the land encroached on, might
be surveyed and given bons and the boundary —
straightened off, (see plan), of course with the under
-standing that the back tax be paid, as has been the
case with several of my neighbours who have
similarly encroached into Government land &
have been allowed to retain such land.
The Mojindar came & surveyed (on the Eastern side)
the proposed new boundary, (painted red). He did not
survey the encroached coffee but only estimated
the area.
In reply to my letter of 6th November 1893, the
Commissioner passed orders (consequence of) I Sagani
represented the matter to him personally at the
Kadur Club and asked him to reconsider his orders
& he requested me to write to him on the subject
again which I accordingly did and received his
reply, (copy enclosed 2nd Decr. 1894).
I beg you will kindly consider the matter in a just
light and remember that we are not the wilful
encroachers & that the unauthorised cultivation
was done by the former holders 14 or 15 years ago
& it is heard, very hard indeed that we should
have to resume to Government good coffee pur-
-chased in good faith from the late proprietor,
believing the boundaries & coffee contained therein
to be correct and written bounds — I honestly reported
the matter when I discovered the encroachment
& did not "lie low" as many do when they make
encroachments.
All we ask is that the encroached coffee be
measured properly and given bons (after paying
up the arrears of assessment which really
ought to be borne by the late proprietor) & that
the boundary be straightened off (see plan) & that
the balance of land, (other than the encroached portion)
contained in the new boundary, be put up to
auction in the usual way.

I remain, dear Sir
Yours faithfully
C. P. Reed.

RECEIVED
DATE 26-8-95

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Mr. Reed will call
two papers Saturday
26/8/95

TWO RUPEES

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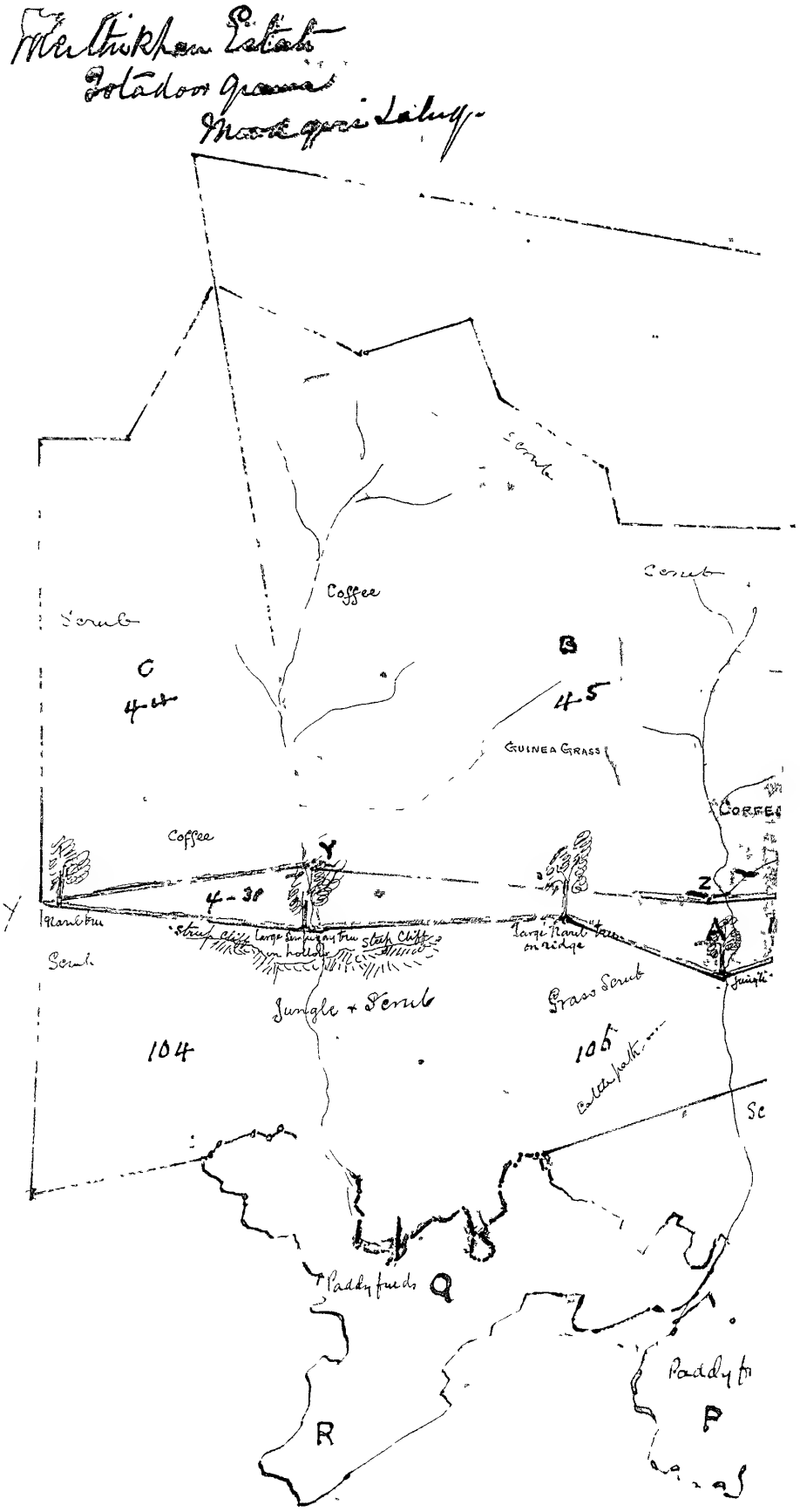
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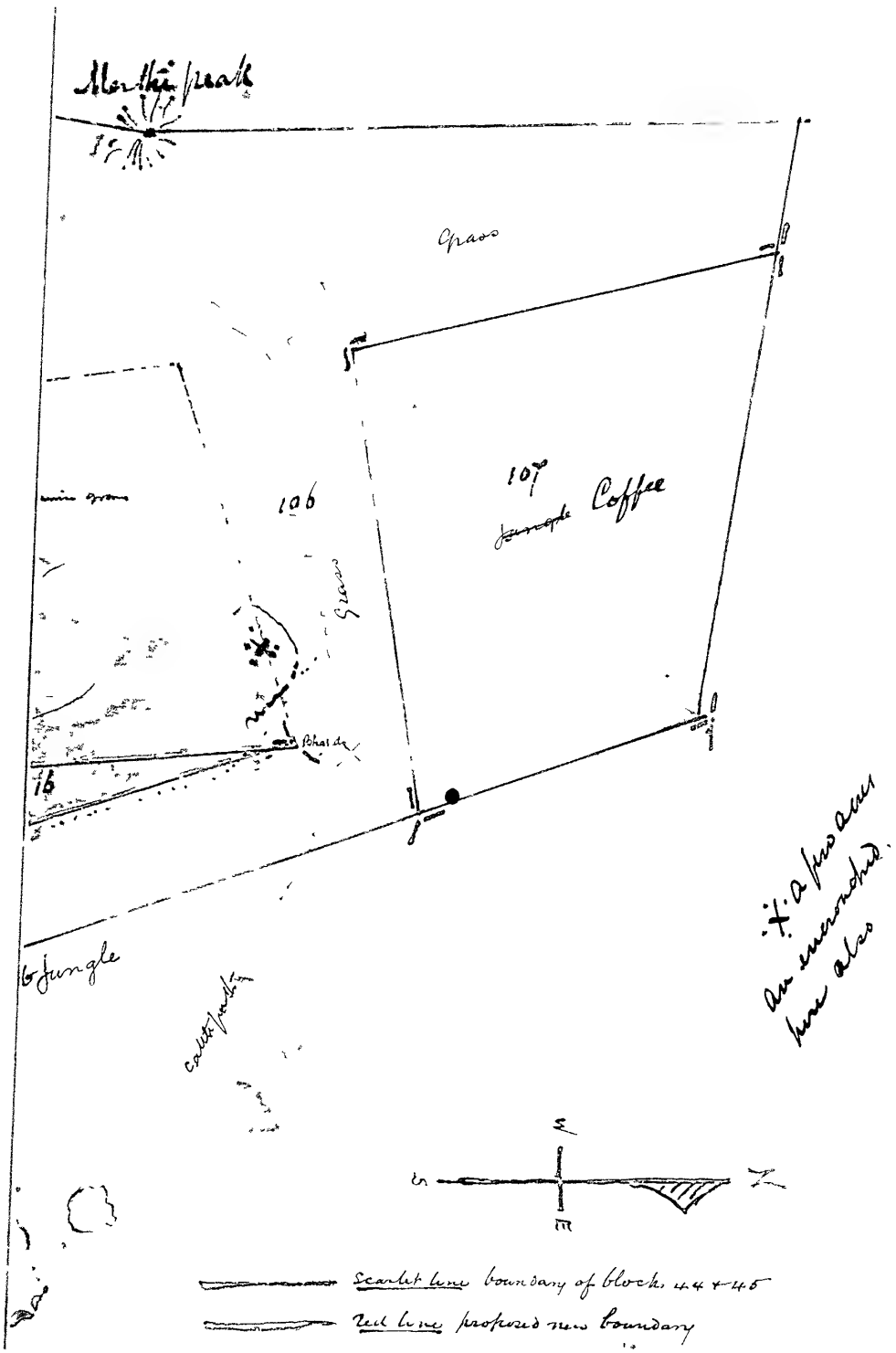

* A few areas encroached here also

No trees of Khands at Z + Y

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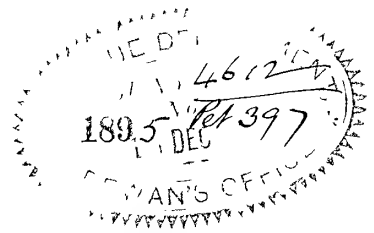

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General No. 413 /1895-96.
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Revenue Secretary's No. 1075 dated 4th instant, forwarding for report petition of Nagappa and others praying that the application of Mr. Reed for 25 acres out of Survey Nos. 104, 106 and 25 of the Totadur Village should not be granted

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In returning the petition received with the above, has the honor to invite attention to the

Office No. 403 dated 6th instant with which the report called for in Mr. Reed's case has been submitted.

Lt. Sparks
Deputy Commissioner
Kaduna N.P.

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General No. 811-2

Muzrai F. No. 34-95

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Read.—

Petition No. 399 dated 19th July 1895 from Mr. C.J. Reed of Merthikan estate, Kadur District, appealing against the order of the Deputy Commissioner, directing the resumption of the encroached portions in Survey Nos: 106 and 106 of the Totadur village, Mudgere Taluk.

And,

Kadur Deputy Commissioner's letter No 403 dated 6th December 1895, reporting on the above

Order thereon. No 811-2 / No 734-95

The coffee tract known as Merthikan estate is an Inam land attached to the Kalasa temple and it now comprise of the following Survey Nos in Totadur village, Mudgere Taluk;—

Survey No.	Extent A G	Assessment Rs as P
44	71-8	107-0 0
45	190-12	285-8-0
107	87-23	131-8 0

2. Towards the close of the year 1893, Mr. Reed the agent of the present holders of the estate Messrs Morgan Brothers, brought to the notice of the

Deputy Commissioner and the Taluk Amildar, that portions of the adjoining waste lands Nos: 104 and 106 (also belonging to the Kalasa temple) had been encroached upon and planted up with Coffee several years ago, by the former holders of the estate and requested that the portions so encroached upon together with some additional lands to the total extent of 24 acres and 7 guntas as detailed in the margin* might be granted to him.

3 It having been found on enquiry that about 4 acres of the Waste lands referred to above, had been encroached upon and contained 4000 Coffee plants of about 9 years' growth, the Deputy Commissioner passed an order directing, that the lands unauthorizedly planted up should be resumed, and the arrears of assessment thereon from the year 1885-86 levied from the present and the former Khatedars of the estate in proportion to the periods of their respective occupancy. As

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19-16 in Survey No: 106
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regards Mr. Reed's application for the grant of 19 acres and 16 guntas of land in Survey No. 106 and 4 acres and 31 guntas in Survey No. 102, the Deputy Commissioner ordered that the former should be put up to auction but that the latter could not be granted as the area was less than the minimum of 5 acres prescribed in the case of coffee lands.

4 In appealing against the foregoing order of the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Reed represents that the coffee plants on the encroached portions are old ones planted up several years ago by the former holders of the estate, that it was only in March 1893 that Messrs Morgan Brothers, whose agent the petitioner is, purchased the estate in good faith and under the belief that the encroached portions also formed part of the estate and that it would be extremely hard upon the present holders if the lands in question should now be resumed by Government. In proof of his bona fides in this respect, Mr. Reed, also urges that he, of his own accord, brought the fact of the encroachment to the notice of

authorities immediately after he discovered it himself.

5 Under the circumstances explained by Mr Reed, the Government are pleased to direct that those portions of the Survey Nos 104 and 106 which have been already encroached upon and planted up be confirmed to the present Khatedars Messrs Morgan Brothers, subject to their paying the arrears of assessment thereon together with the usual upset price at the rate of Rs 10- per acre. It is observed from the Deputy Commissioner's report that the area so unauthorizedly planted up is about 4 acres. But its exact area should now be ascertained by actual measurement, and included in the adjoining Survey Nos 44 and 45 in the petitioners occupancy and the necessary rectification of boundaries effected in communication with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey. The cattle path etc that may be existing on the land in question should be reserved and open to the villagers as usual.

6 The additional lands applied for by Mr Reed will be disposed of by auction under the Coffee rules.

3-2-96

Secretary

To The Deputy Commissioner Kadur Dist, returning the Revenue Papers.

" Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Settlements.

Mr Reed

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Copy* is forwarded to M. C. P. Reid of Mentlikan Estate in reply to his petition dated 19th July 1895

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* of order No 811-2 dated 3/2/96. Muz. F. 34-95